FACT SHEET

Environmental REGISTRATION

EASR Regulatory Framework

The Ministry of the Environment has transformed its environmental approvals program. It has worked closely with business, industry and other stakeholders to develop a registration process for standard and routine-type activities and sectors.

Businesses are required to register these activities in the **Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR)**.

Key features of the registry include:

- flexibility to operate a facility within pre-established parameters
- online self-registration
- an online searchable database of businesses that have registered their activities.

What is new about the regulatory framework for EASR?

The Ministry of Environment has restructured the regulatory framework for EASR to provide clearer and more transparent rules for regulated businesses. The EASR regulatory framework now includes:

- a general administrative regulation that applies to all current and future activities eligible for the EASR
- an activity-based regulation that prescribes activities such as standby power systems and comfort heating systems
- separate sector-based regulations that prescribe activities within sectors such as automotive refinishing, printing and small ground-mounted solar.

Several administrative regulatory amendments and process changes have also been made to make the EASR process easier for businesses. These relate to:

- electronic service of confirmations of registration
- updates of registration information
- record retention.

Does a business need to take any action after receiving a confirmation of registration?

Once registered, a business is notified on its ministry online account (established through ServiceOntario) that a confirmation of registration has been provided. Confirmations are filed in the EASR. A copy of the confirmation of registration must be retained by the business and made available for inspection upon request.

The business must continue to meet the eligibility criteria, operate in accordance with the activity and record requirements set out in the regulation and keep the information stored in the registry up-to-date.

How does the new regulatory framework ensure that registrations remain up to date?

A business is required to provide and maintain complete and accurate information in its registration. Registration updates must be made within 30 days of knowing that the information is no longer complete or accurate.

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How should a business keep records?

Businesses can decide which method of record-keeping is most appropriate for them as long as they are able to make the records available for inspection upon request by a provincial officer.

How does a business register on the EASR?

A business can self-register through ServiceOntario's ONe-Source for Business portal at serviceontario.ca. Additional guidance materials are available under the Resources section of ontario.ca/environmentalapprovals.

How will the Ministry of the Environment support compliance?

The ministry works to protect the environment by:

- providing guidance
- checking that a business's activities meet registration and operating requirements through audits of registry information and inspections
- taking steps, when needed, to bring activities into compliance.

Where can a business get more information?

Visit: **ontario.ca/environmentalapprovals**

Call: **1-800-461-6290** or **416-314-8001**

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